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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: D. M. Nathasingh et al. Group Art Unit: 2832
Serial No.: 08/918,194 Examiner: T. Nguyen
Filed: August 21, 1997

For: SEGMENTED TRANSFORMER CORE

Morristown, NJ 07962

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated July 13, 2001 as follows:

I. Election/Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect, with traverse, to pursue the claims under Group I (Claims 1, 4, 7, 14-18, 20-25, and 28-36) directed to a transformer core.

II. Remarks

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement, Applicants have elected to pursue the claims directed to a transformer core. However, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

It is well established that applicants should be allowed reasonable latitude in claiming their invention, provided they do not unduly multiply the claims, which is not the case here. Ex parte Sieback 151 USPQ 62. It is submitted that the prior art search involved in examining the claims in the present application would overlap, and that the best interests of the public would be served by having all of the claimed subject matter in the same application. In addition, prosecution costs would be unnecessarily increased by maintaining the restriction requirement.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

Applicants elect, with traverse, to pursue the claims under Group I directed to a transformer core; however, in view of the remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicants' representative would be helpful toward resolving any issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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